

Suzanne B. Sauer, 87, founded Bell Ringers

Suzanne B. Sauer, 87, of Duxbury, died on July 28 at Massachusetts General Hospital with her family by her side. She was born on August 24, 1921 in Newton, N.J. and raised on a farm. She was the daughter of Germaine Leredu of France and Chauncey Brown of England. Upon graduation from Newton High School in 1940, she attended Hunter College and subsequently worked at IBM for Chairman Thomas J. Watson. During the war years, she also volunteered as one of the "Gray Ladies" comforting soldiers at Fort Dix, N.J.

In 1948, she married Theodor Charles Sauer and moved to Garden City, N.Y. and raised three children. While living in Garden City, she was a Fine Arts Librarian at Adelphi University, a member of the Garden City Community Church and Cherry Valley Country Club, and a volunteer for Muscular Dystrophy. In 1965 as a Girl Scout Leader, she represented Long Island at the Girl Scouts Senior Round-Up in Idaho. She received her B.A. in Art History from Adelphi University in 1977.

In the 1980s, Mrs. Sauer moved to Mountain Lakes, N.J. where she was a member of the Mountain Lakes Congregational Church

and the Park Lakes Tennis Club. Through the church, she became involved with the outreach program for disadvantaged youth of Newark.

Mrs. Sauer then settled in Duxbury in 1990. As a member of the Pilgrim Church, she chaired the Memorial Reception committee, served as a Deacon, and started the Hand Bell Choir. She was also a member of the Duxbury Rug Hookers. Throughout her life, she enjoyed sewing and playing tennis, bridge, and the piano. No matter where she lived, she loved tending to her gardens.

Mrs. Sauer leaves her husband Ted, son Ted Jr. and his wife Carol of Duxbury, daughters Sandra and her fiancé Bruce Rodin of Williamsburg, Va., Cynthia and her husband David West from Westbrook, Conn., and her three grandchildren, Tripper, Taylor, and Betsey.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, August 9 at the Pilgrim Church of Duxbury at 2 p.m. followed by a reception at the church. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in her memory to the Pilgrim Church Youth Ministry, 404 Washington Street, Duxbury, MA 02332.